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SUBJ: INDONESIAN/MALAYSIAN SUMMIT, APRIL 5

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1. SUMMARY/INTRODUCTION. INDONESIAN PRESIDENT SUHARTO AND PRIME MINISTER HUSSEIN ONN AND THEIR AIDES MET FOR A FEW HOURS IN PENANG APRIL 5. FOLLOWING THE DISCUSSIONS PM HUSSEIN TOLD NEWSMEN THE TWO NATIONS HAD PLEDGED CLOSER BILATERAL COOPERATION IN VARIOUS FIELDS. THE TWO LEADERS REVIEWED SECURITY SITUATION IN VARIOUS ASEAN STATES, JOINT THAI-MALAYSIAN BORDER OPERATIONS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND PROSPECTS FOR GREATER BILATERAL COOPERATION BETWEEN INDONESIAN AND MALAYSIAN GROUND FORCES. SPECIFIC AREAS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION INCLUDED GOM QUERY WHETHER INDONESIA MIGHT CONSIDER CHARTERING LNG TANKERS ON ORDER FROM FRANCE THAT MAY BE DELIVERED TO MALAYSIA BEFORE ITS BINTULU LNG PROJECT BECOMES OPERATION.

INDONESIANS IN TURN ASKED WHETHER MALAYSIA WOULD CONSIDER USING INDONESIA'S "PALAPA" SATELLITE SYSTEM WHICH WAS BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO ASEAN COUNTRIES. THE TWO ALSO REVIEWED ASEAN AFFAIRS, INCLUDING SHORTFALLS IN IMPLEMENTING ECONOMIC PROJECTS AGREED ON AT LAST YEAR'S BALI SUMMIT AND INVITATIONS BY MALAYSIA AS HOST OF THE COMING ASEAN SUMMIT TO PRIME MINISTERS OF JAPAN, AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND TO MEET WITH ASEAN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT IN K.L. IMMEDIATELY AFTER SUMMIT. (SUHARTO HAD NO OBJECTIONS.) RE OTHER REGIONAL MATTERS, DISCUSSIONS TOUCHED ON THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINE MUSLIM ISSUE AND DATUK HUSSEIN BRIEFED SUHARTO ON HIS RECENT MEETINGS WITH THAI PM THANIN AND KAMPUCHEAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER IENG SARY. INDOCHINA ALSO WAS A TOPIC OF THE DISCUSSION. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, THE MEETING WENT QUITE WELL AND SUHARTO AND HUSSEIN SEEMED TO HAVE CONSIDERABLE PERSONAL RAPPORT. END SUMMARY/INTRODUCTION.

2. SECURITY. DATUK HUSSEIN TOLD NEWSMEN THAT THEY HAD REVIEWED SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDING THE CURRENT JOINT SECURITY OPERATIONS ALONG THE THAI-MALAYSIAN BORDER. PM SAID "WE STRESSED THAT THE JOINT ACTION IS BILATERAL -- BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND THAILAND -- AND NOT IN THE CONTEXT OF ASEAN. THE INDONESIAN PRESIDENT RECOGNIZES THIS AND WELCOMES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE JOINT EFFORT." HUSSEIN SAID ASEAN STATES ARE INTERESTED IN EACH OTHER'S SECURITY AND THAT MILITARY COOPERATION BETWEEN INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA WOULD BE IMPROVED THROUGH JOINT EXERCISES, WHICH ALSO WOULD TAKE PLACE OUTSIDE OF ASEAN.

3. PHILIPPINE MUSLIM PROBLEM. THE PM SAID THAT INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA HAD TRIED TO BE HELPFUL BY BRINGING GOP AND MNLF LEADERS TOGETHER. WHILE NATIONAL NEWS SERVICE "BERNAMA" QUOTED PM AS SAYING THAT "THIS WE HAVE DONE AND WITH THE HELP OF LIBYA, THE TWO SIDES HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REACH A BASIC AGREEMENT AT THEIR MEETING IN TRIPOLI TO BE FOLLOWED BY A MORE DETAILED AGREEMENT," THE "NEW STRAITS TIMES" ACCOUNT SAID THAT THE TWO LEADERS AGREED THAT THE GOM AND MNLF "SHOULD SETTLE THE PROBLEM THEMSELVES."

4. IENG SARY VISIT. ON THE VISIT TO MALAYSIA OF KAMPUCHEA'S DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER MARCH 24-25, HUSSEIN SAID HE BRIEFED SUHARTO ON THE GOM'S TALKING POINTS WITH IENG SARY AS WELL AS THE LATTER'S VIEW OF ASEAN COUNTRIES; THIS DID NOT MEAN THAT KAMPUCHEA WAS OPPOSED TO ASEAN BUT RATHER THE KAMPUCHEANS HAD CHOSEN TO HAVE RELATIONS ONLY ON A BILATERAL BASIS. KAMPUCHEA DID NOT COMMENT ON THE MALAYSIA-THAI COMBINED BORDER SECURITY OPERATIONS, HUSSEIN NOTED.

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5. ECONOMIC ISSUES. ECONOMIC MATTERS APPARENTLY LOOMED LARGE IN THE DISCUSSIONS. SPECIFICALLY, DATUK HUSSEIN SAID THE GOM WOULD CONSIDER A LINK UP WITH THE INDONESIAN SATELLITE NETWORK "IN THE SPIRIT OF REGIONAL COOPERATION" ALTHOUGH HE NOTED THAT MALAYSIA WAS USING THE U.S. INTELSAT SYSTEM AND THIS AGREEMENT WOULD NOT EXPIRE FOR THREE YEARS. HE INDICATED PRESIDENT SUHARTO ON

HIS PART PROMISED TO EXPLORE THE TECHNICAL  
FEASIBILITY OF PERTAMINA CHARTERING ONE OR MORE  
OF THE FIVE BULK LNG CARRIERS ORDERED FROM  
FRANCE, DELIVERY OF WHICH EXPECTED TO PRECEDE  
COMPLETION OF THE LNG LIQUIFICATION PLANT  
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AT BINTULU (SARAWAK). THEY ALSO REPORTEDLY  
DISCUSSED INCREASED COOPERATION IN DEVELOPMENT  
OF TOURIST FACILITIES. BOTH ALSO SEE THE  
FORTHCOMING AUGUST SUMMIT AS AN OPPORTUNITY  
TO REVIEW PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING ECONOMIC  
PROJECTS SINCE THE BALI SUMMIT, ALTHOUGH THEY PERCEIVE  
SHORTCOMINGS IN THIS AREA.

6. COMMENT. WE UNDERSTAND FROM OUR CONTACTS  
THAT THE MEETINGS WENT WELL AND PROVIDED A USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.  
HUSSEIN AND SUHARTO ALSO HAVE  
APPARENTLY DEVELOPED CONSIDERABLE PERSONAL RAPPORT.  
ON THE LNG TANKERS THE GOM UNDOUBTEDLY WOULD BE  
DELIGHTED IF SOME CHARTER COULD BE ARRANGED FOR  
THOSE WHOSE COMPLETION WOULD PRECEDE THE  
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